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GEORGE MCGOVERN TO ADDRESS UCSB CLASS ON VIETNAM WAR

George McGovern, former U.S. Senator from South Dakota and democratic presidential nominee in 1972, will address a UCSB class on "The Impact of the Vietnam War" on Friday, February 18, at 10 a.m., in Campbell Hall.

As pilot of a B-24 bomber in World War II, McGovern flew thirty five missions in the European Theater and was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross. As a senator, McGovern was the second -- following Wayne Morse of Oregon -- to speak against the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in 1964 authorizing the United States to initiate military action in Vietnam.

McGovern was elected to the House of Representatives in 1956, and was director of the U.S. Food for Peace Program and Special Assistant to President John F. Kennedy in 1961. He was elected to the U. S. Senate in 1962, 1968 and 1974; but was defeated in his bid for a fourth term in 1980. Since his defeat, he has organized a public interest group, Americans for Common Sense, a counterforce to the New Right, and has been lecturing throughout the country on the escalation of the nuclear arms race.

McGovern is the author of six books and holds the Ph.D. degree in History and Government from Northwestern University. He has taught at Northwestern and other universities. In 1982, he was co-instructor, with Professor Walter Capps, of a UCSB course in political science and religious studies.

The UCSB class on the Vietnam War is exploring the impact of the war upon American values, the situation of Vietnam veterans, the dynamics of post-traumatic stress, military assessments of Vietnam-war strategy, and

linkages between the experience of the war and recent social, political, and religious national trends. Professor Walter Capps, author of The Unfinished War: Vietnam and the American Conscience, is instructor.

Several hundred UCSB undergraduates are enrolled.

McGovern's lecture is open to the campus community and to the public without charge.

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